Upgradation of TV/AIR Stations

2082. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal received from Gujarat for setting up and upgradation of TV Station/AIR Stations during the current financial year location-wise; and

(b) by when it would be cleared and the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY) (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that no such proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat. However, requests from MPs and others, have been received for setting up of a TV studio at Surat and TV transmitter at Kodinar as also upgradation of LPT at Amreli in Gujarat. Requests have also been received for setting up of new FM radio stations at Amreli, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar.

(b) There is no scheme to set up new TV transmitters/studios at the above mentioned places. TV coverage to hitheto uncovered areas in the country, including those in Gujarat, has now been provided through free-to-air DTH service of Doordarshan.

Further, a new FM radio station is proposed to be set up at Jamngar during the Tenth Five Year Plan,subject to the approval of the competent authority and availability of resources. There is no proposal to set up FM radio stations at Amreli and Bhavnager.

FM Radio Policy

2083. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether blueprint is ready to air FM radio policy;

(b) whether with the recommendations from TRAI and Amit Mitra panel, his Ministry has worked out a policy that will ensure that teething problems never crop up again;